

## **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Mr. Grobbelaar:

## 6233 WHITTIER BOULEVARD, EAST L.A.

This letter is in regards to your plan check # FEPC 200602079. Your proposal to build directly underneath or in close proximity to Southern California Edison high-voltage transmission lines is not in compliance with Los Angeles County Fire Department Regulation #27. Regulation #27 does not allow any new permanent structures to be built underneath or within 50 feet horizontally from the drip line of high-voltage transmission lines.

For several years the Fire Department has been working with Southern California Edison regarding their request to allow building construction underneath high-voltage transmission lines. After thorough evaluation and full consideration of all aspects of Southern California Edison's proposed mitigation measures to allow construction of buildings below their high-voltage transmission lines, the Fire Department has made the decision to retain our current restrictions on such projects.

Building construction underneath high-voltage transmission lines creates an extraordinary overhead danger and obstruction for routine fire suppression activities. Even an immediate power shut down procedure does not remove all electrical hazards for fire personnel operating on roof tops using conventional firefighting tools and equipment. Firefighters already face numerous challenges and life-threatening situations far too often. Approval to permit building construction underneath or in close proximity to these high-voltage transmission lines would introduce more risk and complexity for all involved and is deemed inappropriate.

## SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

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Your plans showing proposed buildings underneath or within 50 feet of the high-voltage transmission lines are denied.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (323) 890-4144.

Very truly yours,

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF, SCOTT L. POSTER FIRE MARSHAL FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION

SLP:pm

C: Miguel Garcia, DPW, East L.A. Building Official